



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Benton County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Gina L. Castle** (LP00047596). Castle documented medication was administered to patients when the medications hadn't been used. She also tested positive for methamphetamines on two occasions.

In March 2009 the Secretary of Health withdrew the statement of charges against registered counselor and chemical dependency professional **Carla J. Cook** (RC00049582, CP00006162). Cook is also known as Carla J. Weyand, Carla Jean Hartwell, and Carla J. Hartwell.

In March 2009 the Respiratory Therapist Board indefinitely suspended the credential of **Paul V. Farnham** (RESP.LR.00003591). Farnham's license to practice respiratory therapy in Oregon was suspended.

### **Chelan County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Jammie Adams** (NAC.NC.10071176). Adams left a patient alone who required 24-hour care. This put the patient at risk of harm.

In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Cynthia L. Reed** (HC00144729). Reed had dirty fingernails and did not use a glove when drawing a patient's blood.

### **Franklin County**

In March 2009 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the license of dentist **Gregory A. Johnson** (DE00007170). Johnson failed to diagnose decay, caused pain to a patient by not using anesthetic before drilling, and failed to maintain adequate records.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Justin N. Lyew** (NC10066159). Lyew put a patient at risk of emotional harm by making inappropriate comments to the patient.

### **King County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Rexilda A. Aguila** (NAR.NA.00199045). Aguila took a patient's checkbook, filled out a check to herself for \$1300, and used the funds for her own use.

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Anna-Mari J. Balagot** (RN00103775). Balagot failed to assess and provide for a patient's increasing healthcare needs at the adult family home she operated with her husband. She was also convicted of criminal mistreatment.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program revoked the credential of **Celso G. Balagot** (NA00141860). Balagot failed to adequately supervise staff at the adult family home he operated with his wife. He was also convicted of criminal mistreatment.

In March 2009 the Medical Commission withdrew a statement of charges against **Mary L. Ballard** (MD00025316).

In March 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Kelly Cockrell** (RC.RC.00054753). Cockrell failed to comply with previous terms and conditions against her license.

## Disciplinary actions

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In March 2009 the Pharmacy Board revoked the credential of pharmacy technician **Christopher M. Day** (VA00047800). Day diverted controlled substances from his place of employment by forging prescriptions. He was convicted of federal drug charges.

In March 2009 the Psychology Board suspended the license of **Philip A. Hirsch** (PY00001117). Hirsch requested prescription refills without authorization from a credentialed health care provider, signed prescription refill requests without prescribing authority, and failed to respond to department requests for a patient's records. He also directed an employee to sign prescriptions for refills of prescription medicine without authorization.

In March 2009 the Registered Counselor Program revoked the credential of **Patricia Kehoe** (RC00060029). Kehoe used falsified counseling credentials. She also practiced as a counselor in Washington without a credential.

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **James N. Konzek** (LP00045307). Konzek failed to document administration of medications, diverted controlled substances for his own use, and tested positive for drugs during a urinalysis. He was convicted of possession of oxycodone.

In March 2009 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Susan Malmquist** to cease and desist from the unlicensed practice of psychology. Malmquist doesn't hold a credential to practice psychology in Washington but created billing documents using codes for psychological services.

### Lewis County

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Christopher A. Snipes** (NAC.NC.60011652, NAR.NA.00197309). Snipes tested positive for controlled substances during a urinalysis.

### Pierce County

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **John V. Thomas** (NAC.NC.10007029). Thomas provided false documentation that he mailed packages given to him by a patient.

### Skagit County

In March 2009 the Pharmacy Board suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Brandi Hendricks** (VA00062622). Hendricks diverted drugs from a pharmacy.

### Snohomish County

In March 2009 the Physical Therapy Board modified a prior order and accepted the license surrender of **Todd L. Ashton** (PT00005980).

### **Spokane County**

In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program permanently revoked the credential of **Steven M. Buckminster** (HC00131320). Buckminster was convicted of first degree child rape.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential **Jody L. Houck** (NAR.NA.00191641). Houck had a verbal altercation with a resident at her adult family home.

In March 2009 the Secretary of Health withdrew the statement of charges against registered counselor **Nova D. Zaro** (RC00055119). Zaro is also known as Paula N. Moitke.

### **Whatcom County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Victoria Baum** (RN00110309). Baum used pre-signed prescription forms to write unauthorized prescriptions for herself.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Rachel L. Stewart** (NAR.NA.00197082). Stewart was convicted of third degree theft and second degree possession of stolen property.

### **Yakima County**

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program accepted the credential surrender of certified nursing assistant **Marjory L. Krueger** (NC10096584). Kruger revealed herself to a patient.

### **Out of State**

**Arizona:** In March 2009 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of **Frances Canode** (RN.RN.00143981). Canode accepted a loan from a patient and failed to make payments.

**Oregon:** In March 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Mary J. Fordyce** (RN.RN.00174914). Fordyce's license to practice nursing in Oregon was revoked.

**Oregon:** In March 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **John M. Lee** (RN.RN.00149270). Lee's license to practice nursing in California was revoked. His Oregon nursing license was also suspended.

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